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Timely Tidbits ...

UPDATED Citywide Yard Sale List Inside

Be sure to check page 5 of this issue for an updated list of approximately 140 homes and organizations that are taking part in the annual Romulus Citywide Yard Sale, which will run Thursday, May 17, through Sunday, May 20.

Dinner/Auction Aids Gubaci Family

A spaghetti dinner/silent auction will help the Gubaci family of Romulus with medical and funeral expenses after the loss of their nine-year-old son, Cody, who passed away on April 7 after a long battle with vasculitis and SAPHO syndrome.

The event – organized by the Gubaci's neighborhood school, Barth Elementary – will be held at Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22. "Admission" donations will be appreciated.

Other donations of auction items and/or money (checks payable to CAF-5) are also welcome.

For more information, call Sheila Stasak (734-532-1285 days or 734-753-4031 evenings) or Barb Fortune (734-532-1253 days).

Crout Beats White for School Board Seat

With a dismal voter turnout of 862 for the annual Romulus Community Schools Board of Education election, held on May 7, challenger Sandra Crout needed only 357 votes to oust incumbent Niema White (167 votes) by a margin of about 2:1.

The race's other challenger, Danielle Funderburg, came in a very close second with 333 votes.

Crout, who has worked as the Financial Director at the 34th District Court for the past 10 years, said she plans to use her fiscal expertise to help the School District maintain a quality education for every student in the face of significant budget cuts.

She will officially begin her four-year term on July 1, 2007. □

McNeil Named Chamber Person of the Year

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce recently named longtime Romulus resident Linda McNeil as its 22nd Person of the Year for her dedicated service to the community. A dinner held in her honor at the Crowne Plaza on May 11 was attended by many family members, friends, and colleagues who came out to show their appreciation for all she has accomplished.

Among the event's highlights was the presentation of a Person of the Year plaque by Chamber POTY Selection Committee chairperson Mark Lewkowicz, as well as other awards and accolades from officials such as State Senator Raymond E. Basham, Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (presented by Romulus Cable Department director Roger Kadau), and the Romulus City Council (presented by Chairman Randolph Gear).

McNeil shares her vision of community service with Brian, her husband of 25 years, as well as her two children, Michael and Andrew – all of whom are Romulus High School graduates. Fifteen years ago, when Brian was working as a volunteer firefighter for the City of Romulus, he became involved in what was then a predominantly Fire Department-sponsored charity effort, the Romulus Goodfellows, whose motto is "No child (or senior citizen) without a Christmas." One holiday season, Linda joined her husband in volunteering for the annual Goodfellows newspaper drive, and found that she loved being involved in a project that brings joy to so many children in need. She has since become increasingly active in the Goodfellows, helping the group sell a record number of ads for their paper last year, and is proud to have been a part of the charity's growth in the community.

"I'm thrilled with the transition that Goodfellows has made from being run by mainly volunteer firefighters to where it is today, an organization served by volunteers from all walks of City life," she said.

Her many other community-service efforts include organizing Red Cross blood drives and benefit programs for those in need, working in her church, and involvement with the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee.

McNeil has worked for the City of Romulus for the past seven years, first in the Building Department, and currently in the Assessor's Office. □



Among those who joined Chamber Person of the Year Linda McNeil (third from left) at a dinner held in her honor on May 11 were: (from left) Mark Lewkowicz, POTY Selection Committee chairperson; past Person of the Year honorees Dan Bales, Maria Lambert, and Ron Hopson; and Selection Committee members Gil White and Rick Perry.



Selection Committee chairman Lewkowicz presented McNeil with a commemorative plaque in recognition of her years of dedicated service to the community.

Letter to the Editor

Mayor Should Hire Romulus Residents

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert has hired a new worker at the Recreation Department just for summer help. This new employee is a resident of Belleville and a retired foreman from the Westland Department of Public Works. His boss (and good friend) at the DPW in Westland was Tom Wilson, who is currently the DPW director here in Romulus.

Mayor Lambert, there are a number of Romulus residents who could use part-time summer work to earn money toward college tuition or to help pay their high property taxes. Unfortunately, it seems that all you hire are friends or friends of friends who do not even live in Romulus. I suppose that you're going to tell me again that there is nobody in the City who is qualified to do these jobs. If that's the case, maybe we should go out of the City for our next mayor, too.

I care about our city and its residents, and I am all for beautifying our city. We need to plant flowers downtown on Saturday, May 19, when volunteers will work to improve our city's appearance on Spring Cleaning Day.

But flowers were also planted by City department heads, inspectors, and laborers on Thursday, May 10, during regular working hours when taxpayers were paying these City employees' wages. Among them was DPW director Wilson—who, with a salary of more than \$70,000, should have been at the DPW doing his job, not planting flowers on City time.

I hope that the taxpayers of Romulus remember this and the many other things that you have done since you were elected, Mayor Lambert—and, come next election time, make a big change starting from the top down.

Sincerely,
John Clark
Romulus

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THANK YOU

I want to thank every voter who supported me. I will always remember and appreciate the trust you placed in me. My goal will always be to put children first by having the best education possible for every child in our community.

Sincerely,
Your new School Board member,
Sandy Crout



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Thank you to the hundreds of people who helped and supported me during my campaign. You're Amazing!

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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Monday, May 7, through Monday, May 14, 2007. (Data for April 30-May 6 was not submitted.)

Note that information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.

Monday, May 7

- 6:04 a.m. – Trespassing (block of 36800 Ecorse)
- 6:08 a.m. – Property Damage/Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 16200 Harrison)
- 7:18 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 9:30 a.m. – Dumping/Littering (block of 10400 Harrison)
- 11:01 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15400 Orchard)
- 12:31 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 35700 Garner)
- 1:20 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 5900 Frederic)
- 3:40 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 6740 Middlebelt)
- 4:31 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6140 Second)
- 5:28 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:28 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 11100 Elmview)
- 8:14 p.m. – Rescue (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 9:05 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 11500 Whitehorn)
- 11:43 p.m. – JC/R (block of 27400 Ecorse)

Tuesday, May 8

- 12:42 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9910 Harrison)

- 3:15 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6300 Cordell)
- 7:13 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15000 Hillway)
- 10:25 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:57 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35800 Cypress)
- 12:32 p.m. – Threats (block of 28300 Heather Way)
- 12:50 p.m. – Larceny (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 1:37 p.m. – Threats (block of 37300 Wick)
- 3:06 p.m. – Fight (block of 31400 Henry Ruff)
- 7:12 p.m. – JC/R (block of 39300 Buckingham Dr.)
- 7:24 p.m. – Threats (block of 8400 Wayne)
- 8:13 p.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular (block of 35400 Garner)
- 10:43 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 15000 Plain Way)

Wednesday, May 9

- 8:54 a.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 34800 Goddard)
- 9:15 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 30200 Dorset)
- 5:43 p.m. – Threats (block of 31800 Smith)
- 8:38 p.m. – Larceny (block of 11200 Gabriel)
- 10:01 p.m. – Threats (block of 8500 Wickham)

Thursday, May 10

- 7:44 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:21 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 27900 Northline)
- 10:58 a.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 6580 Wayne)
- 11:10 a.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular (block of 35300 Vinewood)

- 11:24 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 12:42 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 16200 Eastwind)
- 2:16 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 38600 Wyoming)
- 2:18 p.m. – Fight (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 2:56 p.m. – Dumping/Littering (block of 34900 Eureka)
- 3:31 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 35400 Grant)
- 3:43 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30300 Ecorse)
- 3:52 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 35500 Smith)
- 5:02 p.m. – Operating [a Vehicle] Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 15500 Middlebelt)
- 5:39 p.m. – Larceny (block of 11400 Whitehorn)
- 6:46 p.m. – Overdose (block of 38700 Navajo)
- 7:03 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15600 Orchard)
- 8:40 p.m. – Threats (block of 15000 Streamway)

- 8:44 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 37400 Goddard)
- 10:40 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 6800 Arlene Ct.)

Friday, May 11

- 3:49 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8210 Center Dr.)
- 5:19 a.m. – UDAA (block of 12100 Sharon)
- 8:48 a.m. – UDAA (block of 35600 Bibbins)
- 12:38 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 29300 Van Born)
- 1:09 p.m. – Larceny (block of 36000 Goddard)
- 1:40 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 7040 Shawnee)
- 2:18 p.m. – Fight (block of 29400 Goddard)
- 2:19 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 6060 Swan Lake Dr.)
- 4:28 p.m. – UDAA (block of 29100 Wick)
- 4:43 p.m. – Threats (block of 6160 Tyndall)
- 5:32 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 34500 Beverly)

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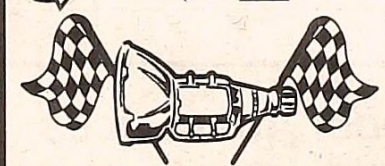
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- 5:50 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 16700 Mary Grace Ln.)
- 5:58 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15100 Harrison)
- 6:25 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 30700 Beverly)

Saturday, May 12

- 12:57 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 28500 N. Maple)
- 1:10 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15400 Maple Ct.)
- 1:39 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 1:58 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 8:19 a.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 38100 Ecorse)
- 10:03 a.m. – UDAA (block of 6350 Middlebelt)
- 12:53 p.m. – UDAA (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 2:53 p.m. – Training/School (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:43 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 38400 Tyler)
- 4:18 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 39100 Chase)
- 6:30 p.m. – JC/R (block of 7890 Surrey Dr.)
- 6:32 p.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 6060 Swan Lake Dr.)
- 6:57 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9290 Washington)
- 8:01 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 9290 Washington)
- 9:05 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 9:10 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 38400 Tyler)
- 11:28 p.m. – JC/R (block of 36700 Goddard)

Sunday, May 13

- 11:16 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 8610 Whitehorn)
- 1:09 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 5970 W. Maple)
- 2:43 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 38400 Tyler)
- 2:59 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30400 Teak Ln.)
- 8:31 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 36700 Goddard)
- 8:37 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 10400 Shook)
- 8:58 p.m. – Robbery (block of 29200 Whisper Ct.)
- 9:22 p.m. – UDAA (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 11:45 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35600 Garner)

Monday, May 14

- 7:02 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28100 Northline)
- 1:23 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8800 Wickham)
- 4:36 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 6:26 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 9510 Biddle)
- 6:50 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 6800 Arlene Ct.)
- 8:07 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 5900 Colorado) □

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Romulus High School Announces Dates for Senior Prom, Graduation

Don Foley, assistant principal at Romulus High School, has compiled the following list of special events to update graduating seniors and their parents.

- **Senior All-night Party**
 (Friday, May 25, with lock-in from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.; RHS field house);
- **Senior Final Exams**
 (Thursday, May 31, during 4th, 5th, and 6th hours; seniors attend from 10:34 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all underclassmen will follow their regular schedule)
- **Senior Final Exams**
 (Friday, June 1, during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours; seniors attend from 7:15 a.m. to 10:34 a.m.; all underclassmen will follow their regular schedule)
- **Prom Toast**
 (Wednesday, June 6, from 6 to 7 p.m.; RHS atrium);

- **Senior Prom**
 (Wednesday, June 6, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight; Roostertail in Detroit);
- **Commencement**
 (Saturday, June 9, from 10 a.m. sharp to 11 a.m.; RHS field house).
 Foley asks parents to note that admission to commencement will be *by ticket only*. Tickets will be distributed to seniors during graduation rehearsal. All guests attending commencement are to be seated *no later than 9:30 a.m.* Late arrivals will not be seated when it is disruptive to the quality of the ceremony.

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Questions may be directed to Foley at 734-532-1014. □

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Nearly 140 households/organizations (see addresses below) have registered for Romulus's annual Citywide Yard Sale Weekend, set for May 17–20. (If two or more of the four dates are rained out, the event will be held May 31–June 3.)

Numbers in parentheses refer to sale dates:

1=Thur., May 17; 2=Fri., May 18; 3=Sat., May 19; 4=Sun., May 20

Van Born to just south of Ecorse/ Inkster to Hannan

35511 Beverly (1, 2, 3, 4)
5875 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3, 4)
7301 Colbert (1, 2, 3, 4)
6250 Cordell (1, 2, 3, 4)
28644 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)
31481 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)
35209 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)
6209 Fourth (1, 2, 3, 4)
32871 Sand Piper Dr. (2, 3, 4)
6935 Sargent (2, 3, 4)
6027 Swan Lake Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
6148 Swan Lake Dr. (2, 3, 4)
6256 Swan Lake Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
6000 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)
6943 Wayne (2, 3, 4)

Ecorse to I-94/Wayne to Hannan

39101 Buckingham Dr. (3, 4)
9120 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)
9475 Hannan (1, 2, 3)
35746 Hawthorne Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
36809 Herman (1, 2, 3)
37011 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)
37241 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)
37239 McBride (1, 2, 3, 4)
37243 Menton (1, 2, 3)
10068 Miriam (1, 2, 3, 4)
9261 Ozga (1, 2, 3, 4)
10180 Ozga (3, 4)
10231 Ozga (1, 2, 3, 4)
10033 Romaine (1, 2, 3, 4)
10044 Romaine (3, 4)
9784 Shook (1, 2, 3, 4)
37525 Tyler (2, 3)
38333 Tyler (2, 3)
39276 Tyler (1, 2, 3, 4)
9322 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)
9480 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)
9650 Wayne (3, 4)
9004 Whitehorn (2, 3, 4)
35640 Wick (1, 2, 3, 4)
37815 Wick (1, 2, 3, 4)

Halecreek Elementary Area (Northline to Pennsylvania/ Inkster to Middlebelt)

28631 Burning Tree Ln. (1, 2, 3)
28812 Burning Tree Ln. (1, 2, 3, 4)
28511 Cherry Ave. (4)
15429 Harriet (1, 2, 3, 4)
13575 Harrison (1, 2, 3, 4)
28574 Leroy (1, 2, 3, 4)
28583 Leroy (1, 2, 3, 4)
28737 Leroy (1, 2, 3)
28839 Leroy (2, 3, 4)
15143 Meadow (1, 2, 3, 4)
28125 Meadowhill (1, 2, 3, 4)
28161 Meadowhill (1, 2, 3, 4)
14762 New York (1, 2, 3, 4)
28754 Pennsylvania (2, 3, 4)
15858 Springhill (3, 4)
16208 Wildfox Ct. (?)
16292 Wildfox Ct. (2, 3, 4)

Merriman Elementary Area (Eureka to Pennsylvania/ Middlebelt to Merriman)

15438 Brandt (1, 2, 3)
15535 Brandt (1, 2, 3, 4)
30526 Cherry Ave. (1, 2, 3, 4)
15433 Colbert (2, 3, 4)
16365 Hollywood (1, 2, 3, 4)
30052 Jamestown (1, 2, 3, 4)
30170 Kipling (1, 2, 3, 4)
15572 Oakbrook (1, 2, 3)
30186 Pennsylvania (1, 2, 3)
30490 Pennsylvania (1, 2, 3, 4)
30258 Spain Ct. (1, 2, 3, 4)
16200 Taft (3, 4)

Huron Estates Subdivision Area (Wabash to Barth/ S. Huron River Dr. to Hannan)

37837 Castle (1, 2, 3, 4)
38014 Castle (1, 2, 3)
13295 Cogswell (1, 2, 3)
13311 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)
13486 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)
13571 Kent (1, 2, 3, 4)
39212 Superior (2, 3, 4)
38512 Wade (1, 2, 3, 4)
38636 Wade (1, 2, 3, 4)
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W. Huron River Dr. to Pennsylvania/just east of S. Huron River Dr. to Hannan

37483 Barth (1, 2, 3, 4)
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37371 Northline (1, 2, 3, 4)
37627 Wabash (2, 3, 4)

Downtown Romulus Area (I-94 to Northline/Wayne to Hannan)

35861 Bibbins (1, 2, 3, 4)
36115 Bibbins (1, 2, 3, 4)
36810 Chase (1, 2, 3, 4)
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11110 Elmview (3, 4)
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12105 Elmview (3, 4)
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35465 Goddard (1, 2, 3)
36892 Goddard (3, 4)
36911 Goddard (3, 4)
36723 Grant (1, 2, 3, 4)
11435 Hunt (1, 2, 3, 4)
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11420 Ozga (1, 2, 3, 4)
36850 Perry (1, 2, 3, 4)
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11439 St. Aloysius (1, 2, 3, 4)
12141 Sharon (1, 2, 3, 4)
11525 Wahrman (1, 2, 3, 4)
12080 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)

Wayne Rd. McDonald's Area (Wick to I-94/Vining to Wayne)

9360 Biddle (1, 2, 3, 4)
9286 Chamberlain (3, 4)
9508 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3, 4)
9672 Essex (1, 2, 3)
9334 Karen (1, 2, 3, 4)
9473 Lisa (1, 2, 3, 4)
34019 McBride (1, 2, 3)
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Capitol Update

House Passes Resolution Supporting Airline Passengers' Rights

by Hoon-Yung Hopgood, State Representative for Michigan's 22nd District
**House Passes Resolution Supporting
Airline Passengers Bill of Rights**

House Resolution 88 was adopted by the House of Representatives on Wednesday May 9. The resolution calls on the United States Congress to enact the Airline Passengers Bill of Rights Act, which would require airlines to provide adequate food, water, and rest rooms for passengers when planes are delayed. Passengers stranded on a plane for more than three hours would be given the right to deplane. Copies of HR 88 will be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Hopgood Bill Sent to Senate Floor

The Senate Health Policy Committee this week voted unanimously to send **House Bill 4207** to the Senate floor with favorable recommendation. Previously, **HB 4207** passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 107-0. The bill would strengthen State policy by placing into law current rules for licensure of nurses who have graduated from foreign nursing schools. This legislation will also help address Michigan's nursing shortage. I look forward to passage by the full Senate.

House Passes Legislation Encouraging Local Governments To Save Money Through Bulk Purchasing

The House of Representatives has passed legislation encouraging local units of government to participate in bulk purchasing. **House Bill 4588** clarifies that local units of government are eligible for the MIDEAL bulk purchasing program within the Department of Management and Budget. The bill would

also waive 50% of the membership fee for local units of government, schools, and intermediate school districts that agree to use MIDEAL contracts for all purchasing, with certain exceptions.

Representative Hopgood Will Hold Coffee Hours

I will be hosting a Romulus Coffee Talk on Monday, May 21, at the Romulus House Restaurant (corner of Wayne and Wick roads) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

I invite constituents to come share ideas with me regarding issues they would like to see changed, discuss any difficulties they may be having with State government, or voice their support for legislation.

Landfill Moratorium Passes

The House of Representatives passed **House Bill 4047**, which establishes a moratorium on the construction of new landfills and limits expansion of existing landfills. Passage of this bill signals another step towards limiting out-of-state and Canadian trash in our state. I look forward to swift Senate action on this issue.

Representative Hopgood Awarded

I was honored recently to receive an award from the State Alliance of the YMCA for my work with Michigan Youth in Government. Youth in Government is a program that brings thousands of students to Lansing from around the State to engage in a mock legislative session and debate real-world matters of public policy on the floor of the Michigan House of Representatives. For the last several years, I have served on the Board of Michigan Youth in Government, and have enjoyed bringing this wonderful learning opportunity to young people around Michigan. Youth in Government is a worthy program, and I was honored by this award. □



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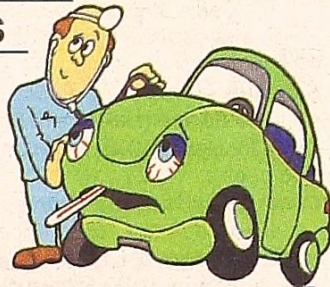
- **Free Dumping** – "Free Dumping Week," sponsored by the City of Romulus for Romulus residents only (proof of residency required), will continue through Saturday, May 19. Permitted items (see below for some restrictions) may be dumped at the Department of Public Works (12600 Wayne Road, between Goddard and Eureka) during the DPW's normal business hours (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday). Restricted or limited materials include "bulky" items such as furniture or Freon-free appliances (removal certification sticker required), construction debris, and tires. Hazardous materials will not be accepted. For a comprehensive list of dumping rules, pick up a flyer at City Hall or the DPW.
- **City of Romulus "Spring Cleanup"** – Join other community-minded citizens for the annual City of Romulus "Spring Cleanup" program on Saturday, May 19. Choose an area for yourself, or report to City Hall beginning at 9 a.m. for an assignment and/or to pick up useful materials like gloves, trash bags, and "pokers." For more information, contact Mayor Alan Lambert's office at 734-942-7571.
- **Saturday Craft Class: "Spring Theme 2"** – Ages 3–adult (under 8 must be accompanied by an adult) are invited to take part in this one-day class, to be taught at the Romulus Recreation Center on Saturday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 (cash only) per class, to be paid upon arrival. No preregistration is required. For more information, call 734-941-8665.
- **"Blessing of the Bikes"** – AM Leather and Julianne's Coney Island (30729 Eureka, Romulus) will host a "Blessing of the Bikes"/Bike Show on Saturday, May 19. Take part in the show (registration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., judging from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., and awards at 4 p.m.) and have your bike "blessed" (1 p.m.), and also enjoy AOB stunt riders (noon to close) and live music (Detroit Roy Blues Experience, Benny and the Jets, and Detroit Women). A \$5 entry fee and \$1 judging fee (for bike show only) will benefit the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. Call 734-946-4663 for information.
- **Texas Hold 'Em** – Romulus Little League is presenting a Texas Hold 'Em fund-raiser at Romulus Lanes (37452 West Huron River Drive) on Sunday, May 20. Sign-in will begin at 11 a.m.; card playing will start promptly at noon. A cost of \$60 per person includes a meal and prize opportunities, including a guaranteed first prize award of \$500 to \$1,000. (All positions paid based on the number of tickets sold.) For more information, call 734-913-9646 and leave a message; your call will be returned.
- **"Advance Directive" Workshop** – The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) is hosting an advanced-directive workshop on Thursday, May 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participants in the free workshop will receive the "Five Wishes" legal document – recognized in 38 states, including Michigan – to let your family and doctor know how you want to be treated if you become seriously ill, taking the guess work out of making hard decisions. For more information, call the Library at 734-942-7589.
- **Flea Market** – The Romulus Historical Society will hold its annual Flea Market at Romulus Historic Park (next to the post office on Hunt near Goddard) on Saturday, June 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available. Vendor spaces are \$15 each (must provide own table). For more info, contact Gloria Chandler (734-941-2678).
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Books planned for upcoming discussions include *A Suitable Vengeance* by Elizabeth George (June 11), *Never Cry Wolf* by Farley Mowat (July 9), and *Irish Lace* by Andrew Greeley (August 13). For more information, call 734-942-7589 during the library's regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.
- **Horseshoe Pitchers' Association Opens** – The Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association has opened its season, and anyone, regardless of skill level, is qualified to pitch in its tournaments. Membership in the WSHPA is \$30 per year, with an additional \$10 entry fee per tournament. Competing in five tournaments qualifies a pitcher for the State Tournament, to be held in Taylor on Labor Day weekend, and the World Tournament, set for July 23–August 4 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. There is also a **free** horseshoe league (meets on Tuesday evenings throughout the spring and summer). The Romulus Horseshoe Club is located in Elmer Johnson Park (9755 Ozga). For more info, call Mark (313-562-3272) or Larry (734-422-7530).

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REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 23, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, April 23, 2007, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member Kenneth Mientkiewicz was absent (excused). Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; and Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources. Administrator Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

04/07/1 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

04/07/2 Moved by White, supported by Frayer, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2007, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**Personnel Actions**

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following Personnel Actions for Board approval.

RETIREMENTS: John DeForest, Head Custodian, Mt. Pleasant, Effective June 29, 2007 (last day of work); Joyce Evans, Secretary II, Adult/Community Education, Effective June 22, 2007 (last day of work); and Donald Matheny, Carpenter, Maintenance, Effective June 29, 2007 (last day of work).

04/07/3 Moved by White, supported by Frayer, that the Board of Education approve the Retirements of Personnel, as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: Kellie Knight, Principal, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective June 27, 2007 (end of the day).

04/07/4 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education approve the Resignation of Personnel, as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Lisa Handyside, Mathematics Teacher, Romulus Middle School, Effective April 3, 2007; and Mary Sneath, Elementary Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective April 3, 2007.

04/07/5 Moved by Buckley, supported by White, that the Board of Education approve the Resignation of Personnel, as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FYI – RESIGNATION: Lisa Householder, Child Care Giver, My Friends & Me/MSRP, Effective April 18, 2007.

FYI – TERMINATION: Kimble Redmond, Child Care Giver, My Friends & Me/MSRP, Effective April 19, 2007.

Bills for Payment

04/07/6 Moved by Lenossi, supported by White, to approve the Bills for Payment, as presented by Ms. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation – Wick Elementary School

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, extended congratulations to Wick Elementary students, staff, and parents for receiving the Michigan Blue Ribbon Award and for the great program at Wick School.

Ms. ShaVonna Johnson, Principal, Wick Elementary School, introduced Wick fifth-grade teacher Tom Gibb-Randall, who appeared before the Board of Education with "Saying Big Words and Not Being Scared: A Fifth-grade Class Performing Shakespeare." Students gave a mini presentation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare. All were invited to attend the production.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi congratulated the students at Wick School in commemoration of the Michigan Blue Ribbon Award.

Surplus Vehicle

04/07/7 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education declare surplus one (1) bus, as follows:

YEAR	BUS #	MILEAGE
1993	1	151,191

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Commercial Baking State Competition

04/07/8 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education approve the overnight trip for one student and one staff member from Romulus High School to Lansing, Michigan, for the Commercial Baking State Competition scheduled for April 27, 28, and 29, 2007. Ayes: 5. Abstain: 1 (Kuderik). Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Field Trip to Cedar Point – Romulus Middle School Band Students and Leadership Students

04/07/9 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education approve a Field Trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, Ohio, for Saturday, May 19, 2007, from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m., for Romulus Middle School band students and leadership students at no cost to the District. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Field Trip to COSI, Toledo, Ohio – Halecreek Elementary School

04/07/10 Moved by Buckley, supported by Frayer, that the Board of Education approve the Field Trip to COSI, Toledo, Ohio, for Friday, May 25, 2007, from 9 a.m. until 8:30 p.m., for Halecreek Elementary School students, at no cost to the District. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Field Trip to Cedar Point – Wick Elementary School

04/07/11 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education approve a Field Trip to Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio, for Saturday, May 19, 2007, for Wick Elementary School sixth-grade students, at no cost to the District. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Award Recipient – Michigan Alternative Education – CHS – Karen Powell

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, extended congratulations to Karen Powell, Science Teacher at Community High School, as the recipient of the Michigan Alternative Education Award.

Schedule Meetings for Policy and Personnel Committees

The Superintendent and Board of Education scheduled a meeting of the Policy Committee for May 14, 2007, at 5 p.m., and a Personnel Committee meeting for May 21, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Robert McLachlan appeared before the Board of Education and compliment Wick students for their courteous behavior prior to the Board meeting. He informed the Board of a Spaghetti Dinner being held on Wednesday, May 9, in the Romulus High School cafeteria. The dinner is being hosted by the Romulus Band Boosters, and tickets are \$5 each.

Also speaking before the Board were Linda Redmond (on behalf of cafeteria workers and security), AFSCME Local 64 President Kim Wells (in support of Local and custodial staff), and Lynne Webb (in support of secretarial staff).

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Wingspan; 2) Weekly Newsletter – Halecreek; 3) Barth News; 4) Thank You – Sylvia Thompson Family; 5) Romulus Elementary Newsletter; 6) Chartwells March Newsletter; 7) The Merriman Star; 8) Cory Newsletter; and 9) Romulus High School Newsletter.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley stated that the Little League had a great kickoff program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS:

04/07/12 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll-call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, and Roscoe. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

04/07/13 Moved by Lenossi, supported by White, to convene in Regular Session of the Romulus Board of Education. Roll-call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, and Roscoe. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

04/07/14 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to Adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Niema White, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education



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Citizens Pray with Others Across U.S.



Pictured above are some of the Romulus community members who took part in a National Day of Prayer ceremony held on May 3 at the Veterans' Memorial in front of Romulus City Hall.

Bardens Present \$1,150 for Middle School Cheerleading Program



Cheerleading coach Melika Dixon (left) expressed her gratitude to Romulus City Councilman John Barden (right) and his wife Janice (second from right) for their presentation of \$1,150 that they raised for the Romulus Middle School cheerleading program. The money will be used for a variety of purposes, including uniforms and training camp expenses. Councilman Barden noted that he was especially happy to donate money to the cheerleaders during these hard economic times, which are forcing the Romulus Community Schools to make various athletics program cuts. (Also pictured are Sierra Nathaniel, second from left, and the Bardens' granddaughter, Andrianna Barden.)

Cory Students Join World's Largest Exercise Class



Reverend Arthur Willis (right) of the Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church in Romulus led Cory Elementary students on their ACES walk.

On May 2, Cory Elementary joined students from all 50 states and as many countries around the world for ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously), a one-day youth exercise program intended to highlight the importance of and need for youth fitness. Last year, Michigan led the nation with about 450,000 student participants in ACES, and Cory students were eager to help their state retain the record this year by walking around the school's outside track for 15 minutes.

Chairing Michigan's 2007 program are Governor Jennifer Granholm and her husband, Daniel Mulhern.

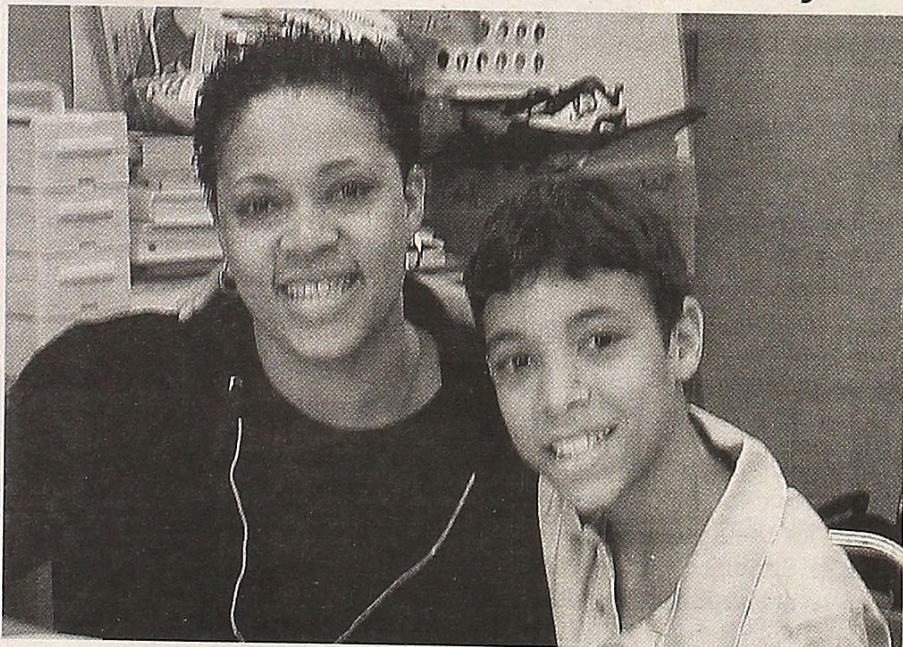
"The First Gentleman and I are so pleased to serve as co-chairs of ACES again this year to promote the importance of physical activity to Michigan

children and their families," Granholm stated. "We envision strong and vigorous communities in Michigan today and always, and that begins with good physical health for our residents of all ages."

Granholm expressed her thanks to ACES sponsor Farm Bureau Insurance, whose generous support allowed the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports to distribute free educational newsletters to all of the State's student participants.

ACES was founded in 1989 by New Jersey physical-education teacher Len Saunders. A number of national organizations support the effort, including the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the National Recreation and Parks Association, and the National Association for Health and Fitness.

Cory Hosts "Special Persons Day"



Carol Logerstedt (left) – guest of Cory Elementary student Gary Logerstedt, a sixth-grade student in Paul Grange's class – was one of many family members and friends who took part in the school's annual "Special Persons Day" program on May 10.

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City _____ State _____
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Groomsmen _____
Date of Engagement _____
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Place _____
City _____ State _____
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City _____ State _____
Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Thanks to Romulus Senior Center director Carrie Elder for providing information for the "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, which is located at 36525 Bibbins, please call 734-955-4120.)

Senior FunFest

The Wayne County Senior FunFest will be held on Saturday, June 23 – rain or shine – at the Warrendale picnic site in Hines Park (located on Warren between Telegraph and Ann Arbor Trail).

Sign up at the Center to get your ticket!

Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van, free of charge, for shopping at Kmart on Monday, May 21 (departing at 9:30 a.m.). Seating is limited; advance registration is required.

Special Trips

The Romulus Senior Center invites local senior citizens to sign up for one or more of the following bus tours:

- **Kewadin/Sault Ste. Marie** (May 24; \$135),
- **Casino Windsor** (June 5; \$10),
- **Shipshewana** (June 27; \$65),
- **Windsor Raceway** (July 10; \$10),
- **Houghton Lake & Soaring Eagle** (July 23; \$60),
- **Circle a Great Lake** (August 11; \$1,389),
- **Hiawatha** (August 15; \$20),
- **Cornwell Dinner Theater** (September 10; \$70),
- **Windsor Raceway** (September 11; \$10),
- **Geritol Follies Christmas Show** (November 14; \$92), or
- **Niagara Falls** (December 3; \$350).

For more info, call the Center.

Tigers Baseball

If you love the Detroit Tigers, and would like to take a trip to Comerica Park to see them win, sign up for one (or more) of the following games:

- Thursday, May 24, 1 p.m. (vs. Los Angeles Angels),
- Thursday, June 14, 1 p.m. (vs. Milwaukee Brewers), and
- Thursday, July 5, 1 p.m. (vs. Cleveland Indians).

Seating is limited, so register early. For more info, call the Center.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, May 21, beginning at 10 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this discount-rate program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointments.

Manicures

The Senior Center's next manicure date is Monday, May 21, at 10 a.m.

Call the Center for more info.

Scrapbooking

Scrapbookers of all experience levels are invited to stop in for the Senior Center's next scrapbooking program, set for Friday, May 25, at 3 p.m.

Regular Programs

Be sure to check out these free or low-cost weekly programs that are offered at the Romulus Senior Center:

- Ceramics (Mondays, 12:30 p.m.),
- Bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Fun Night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- Game Day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.).

Club #1

Club #1's next meeting, featuring bingo and a bag lunch, will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, May 22, at 11 a.m. New faces are welcome!

Romulus Red Hat Society

Upcoming gatherings of the Romulus Red Hat Society include "Tea Time" (12 p.m. on Friday, June 8), "Wyandotte Picnic" (10 a.m. on Friday, June 29; sign up by June 22), and "Beauty Pageant" (1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 20).

Call the Center for more info.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, at the Center. As always, both walk-ins (36525 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-955-4120) are welcome.

Chiropractic Clinics

Dr. Craig Everingham from Everingham Chiropractic will be at the Romulus Senior Center at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, May 21. To make your appointment, please call 734-941-5620.

Liquid Nutrition Pickup

Just a reminder that the pickup time for Liquid Nutrition is 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. (Next date: June 13.)

Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for a suggested donation of only \$2.25. This month's menu features dishes like Salisbury steak, French dip, barbecue pork ribettes, stuffed peppers, chicken salad, scrod, macaroni & cheese, vegetable lasagna, and more.

Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation.

Holiday Closing

Just a reminder that the Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 28, for the Memorial Day holiday. □

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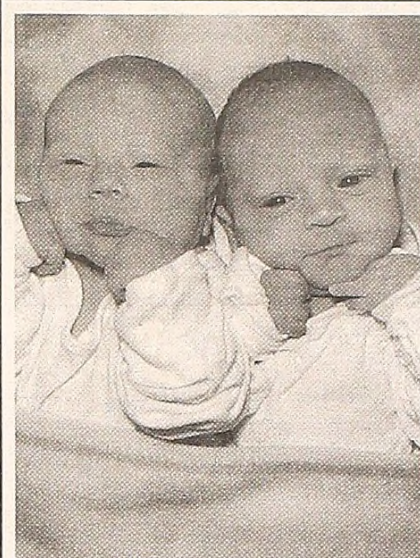
Jenna Marie Mann and Joseph Robert Mann, Jr.

Walter and Leah Cholette of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchildren, Jenah Marie Mann and Joseph Robert Mann, Jr.

The twins were born on Friday, March 2, 2007, to Walter's eldest daughter, Kelli Marie Cholette, and her fiancé, Joseph Robert Mann, Sr.

Jenah (weighing 6 lbs., 10 oz.) arrived at 11:14 p.m.; Joseph (6 lbs., 8 oz.) followed at 11:34 p.m.

Additional excited parties are the twins' maternal grandmother, Kim Cholette; paternal grandmother, Jean Mann; paternal grandfather, Roger Mann; and great-grandparents, Gerald and Mary Cholette, Mary Ulman, and James and Jannie Vanmeer. □



Joseph Jr. and Jenah Mann

Congratulations to Matthew Murray!

Congratulations to Romulus resident Matthew Murray, who graduated *magna cum laude* from Bethel College with a bachelor of science degree. Murray's commencement was held on April 29, 2007. □

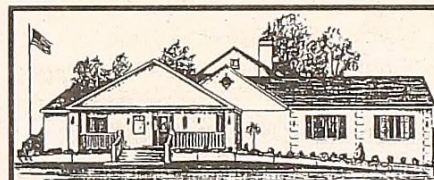
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